



Biographical Sketch
U.S. COAST GUARD



RADM Edward Nelson Jr.

Rear Admiral Edward Nelson, Jr., became the Commander of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District July 31, 1986. He most recently served as the 32nd Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He was nominated to the position of Rear Admiral while serving as Chief of Staff, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Juneau, Alaska and was promoted to his present rank in May 1982.



Before becoming Chief of Staff in Juneau, Rear Admiral Nelson served as Chief of Operations of the Seventeenth District, a post he was assigned to after completing a tour at Coast Guard Headquarters as Chief of Officer Personnel Division.

A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Rear Admiral Nelson graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1953. Following two years of weather patrols on the cutter Mendota out of Wilmington, North Carolina, he completed flight training and served at air stations in Salem, Massachusetts; Argentia, Newfoundland; New Orleans, Louisiana; Port Angeles, Washington; Astoria, Oregon; and Kodiak, Alaska. He commanded the air station and group at Astoria, Oregon and Air Station Kodiak, Alaska. He also served a tour as Chief, War Plans Branch at Coast Guard headquarters.

Rear Admiral Nelson is married to the former Joyce L. Welsted of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. They have three children -- Lieutenant E. Darrel Nelson, USCG; Sandra S. Nelson and Keith C. Nelson.

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